

Amendments to the Claims

This listing claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A plant transformed with at least one polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence(s) encoding ~~one or more constituent protein(s) of spindle bodies (SPs) or spindle like bodies (SLBs) from an insect virus~~ fusolin or a fusolin-like protein, said nucleotide sequence(s) being operably linked to a suitable promoter sequence(s), wherein said transformed plant expresses said fusolin or fusolin-like protein(s) in, at least, plant tissue or tissues susceptible to damage by feeding plants.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

4. (Currently amended) A plant according to claim 3~~1~~, wherein the fusolin protein is selected from fusolins *from Heliothis armigera* (HaEPV), *Pseudaletia separate* EPV (PsEPV), *Chorisioneura biennis* EPV (CbEPV) and *Dermolepida albohirtum* EPV.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

6. (Currently amended) A plant according to claim 5~~1~~, wherein the fusolin-like protein is selected from fusolin-like proteins from *Autographa californica* (AcMNPV), *Bombyx mori* (BmMNPV), *Choristoneura fumiferana* (CfMNPV), *Lymantria dispar* (LdMNPV), *Orgyia pseudotsugata* NPVs (OpMNPV) and *Xestia c-nigrum* GV (XcGV).

7. (Original) A plant according to claim 1 which further expresses an exogenous toxin or other agent that is deleterious to insects.

8. (Original): A plant according to claim 7, wherein the exogenous toxin is selected from *Bacillus thuringiensis* δ -toxin and insect neurohormones.

9. (Withdrawn) A feed bait composition comprising spindle bodies (SBs) or spindle-like bodies (SLBs) from an insect virus, or one or more constituent protein(s) of said spindle bodies or spindle-like bodies, together with an agriculturally acceptable carrier.

10. (Withdrawn) A feed bait composition according to claim 9, wherein the one or more constituent protein(s) is/are selected from fusolins, fusolin-like proteins and ER-specific chaperone BiP proteins.

11. (Withdrawn) A feed bait composition according to claim 9 wherein the one or more constituent protein(s) is a fusolin protein.

12. (Withdrawn) A feed bait composition according to claim 11, wherein the fusolin protein is selected from fusolins from *Heliothis armigera* EPV (HaEPV), *Pseudaletia separate* EPV (PsEPV), *Choristoneura biennis* (EPV (CbEPV) and *Dermolepida albohirtum* EPV.

13. (Withdrawn) A feed bait composition according to claim 9 wherein the one or more constituent protein(s) is a fusolin-like protein.

14. (Withdrawn) A feed bait composition according to claim 13, wherein the fusolin-like protein is selected from fusolin-like proteins from *Autographa californica* (AcMNPV), *Bombyx mori* (BmMNPV), *Choristoneura fumiferana* (CfMNPV), *Lymantria dispar* (LdMNPV), *Orgyia pseudotsugata* NPV's (OpMNPV) and *Xestia c-nigrum* GV (XcGV).

15. (Withdrawn) A feed bait composition according to claim 9, wherein the spindle bodies, spindle-like bodies or constituent protein(s) comprise 0.05 to 15.0% (by weight) of the composition.

16. (Withdrawn) A feed bait composition according to claim 9, further comprising a pheromone(s) or other chemical attractive to insects.

17. (Withdrawn) A feed bait composition according to claim 9, wherein the agriculturally acceptable carrier is selected from edible substances.

18. (Withdrawn) A method of controlling or preventing damage caused to plants from feeding insects, said method comprising applying to said plant a feed bait composition according to claim 9 before, after or together with an insecticidal chemical and/or biological agent.

19. (Currently amended) A method of controlling or preventing damage caused to a plant according to claim 1 from feeding insects, said method comprising applying to said plant an insecticidal chemical and/or insecticidal biological agent.

20. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 18 wherein the insecticidal chemical is selected from organophosphate compounds.

21. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 18 wherein the biological agent is selected from pathogenic bacteria.

22. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 18 wherein the biological agent is selected from insect viruses.

23. (New) A method according to claim 19, wherein the insecticidal chemical is selected from organophosphate compounds.

24. (New) A method according to claim 19, wherein the biological agent is selected from pathogenic bacteria.

25. (New) A method according to claim 19, wherein the biological agent is selected from insect viruses.

26. (New) A method for inhibiting feeding, growth or development of an insect, the method comprising cultivating a plant according to claim 1, wherein upon ingestion of the plant, feeding, growth or development of the insect is inhibited.

27. (New) A method of increasing the susceptibility of an insect to an infection by an insect pathogen, comprising cultivating a plant according to claim 1, wherein upon ingestion of the plant, the insect is more susceptible to an infection by a plant pathogen.